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The correspondents of Rev. H. M. Long will address him hereafter at Columbus, he having recently removed to that city.

The street cars, ice wagons and market wagons of all kinds make their accustomed rounds, and all business houses are open.

Owing to the fever excitement, the opening of Belhaven and Millsaps Colleges, of this city, will be postponed indefinitely.

Any church without a pastor would do well to correspond with Rev. J. E. Phillips, Port Gibson. He has resigned the care of this church.

The Autumn number of the *Youth's Companion* presents a beautiful appearance with its harvest picture on the front page. Its contents also are up to high tide.

The fever situation is much improved today. No new cases at any point except Key West, where twelve new cases are reported. Total cases to date at Key West 189. Business is moving right along here. There were over one hundred bales of cotton received here yesterday from wagons.

It was our pleasure to attend the Strong River Association, an account of which see in another column. Our home was with Bro. B. F. Berry. He entertained only about sixty-five guests, and did it well. The Association was a good one, and possibly the largest one in the State.

The Chicago Standard of last week contains on its first page a fine likeness of the late George Muller, of Bristol, England. It also contains an excellent article, giving a life sketch of this great man. We may at an early date reproduce this article for the benefit of our own Orphanage.

Cornelius Vanderbilt died of paralysis at 7:30 on the 12th inst., at his residence on Fifth Avenue in New York. Mr. Vanderbilt was up the day before. Mr. Vanderbilt was a successful capitalist and

president of the New York Central railway system. He was comparatively a young man, being at his death not quite fifty-six years of age.

We regret to lose from our city Mr. Paul Pinckney, who goes to Memphis to make it his future home. He is manager and editor of *The Southern Home Journal*, which has been published in this city for several years by Miss Ida V. May, who has made the *Journal* very popular and quite a success. Mr. Pinckney wields a facile pen, and no doubt will carry the *Journal* to yet higher development.

Sunday School teachers will find *The Baptist Teacher*, published by the American Baptist Publication Society, 1420 Chestnut street, Philadelphia, to be a most admirable guide to the study of the International Lessons. It is scholarly, suggestive, and very helpful. Teachers of all the different grades will find it just suited to their special needs. The price is 50 cents per year, single copy; 40 cents per year in clubs of five or more.

The following paragraph is taken from the *N. O. Picayune*:

"With this issue of THE BAPTIST, the state paper of that great denomination in Mississippi, Rev. T. J. Bailey is announced as editor and business manager, and Dr. J. B. Searey as field editor. THE BAPTIST is one of the handsomest papers in the south, and the support it is receiving is alike gratifying to all men and women who appreciate the influence of such a journal. The able gentleman in control of it will spare no labor or pains to keep the paper up to the highest standard of excellence."

Famous among the bells of the world are those which come from the foundry of the C. S. Bell Company, of Hillsboro, Ohio. This old established house has made an enviable record for itself, and takes great pride in the many letters of praise received from purchasers. All prospective buyers will find it greatly to their interest to write for a catalogue of their Steel Alloy Bells for churches, schools, etc. The metal used in their man-

ufacture is of the highest quality, but notwithstanding the increase in the price of these materials the makers have not advanced the price of the bells.

The Christian, finally produced, untarnished and symmetrical, is the Christian continually reproduced. \* \* \* One who receives Christ is as truly a child of God the instant he turns from a self-centered to a God-centered life as he is when he attains the glory of heaven and is clad in white robes before the throne of God. \* \* \* It is not implied that nothing remains to be done; but faith is a principle which works, which works by love, and is ever at work until the actual man becomes the ideal man. The power of Christianity resides in no small degree in this creation of the new type here and now. It has power because it is true to nature.—Prof. George Harris.

We are glad to say to all our subscribers that there is evidently more excitement than fever in Jackson. We have had only one case, and the authorities seem utterly unable to trace the disease. It is probable that it is a sporadic case, and that the trouble will soon be over. A great many of our citizens have left the city, but still business goes on. Cotton is coming in every day. We are in our office, and expect to bring out THE BAPTIST every week, unless matters should grow very much worse. There is no danger whatever in receiving THE BAPTIST or any other mail matter from Jackson, as the suspicious case is a considerable distance from THE BAPTIST office or the postoffice, and rigidly quarantined. During the quarantine, we shall need money. All who can, please send their subscriptions right along. We have no trouble whatever in collecting money orders or checks, or getting registered mail.

The fates seem to be against poor Dreyfus. On the charge of treason to his government, he had been sentenced to exile on Devil's Isle. At the time he was granted a new trial by court martial he had been in banishment about four years

and eleven months. On the 9th inst. this new trial terminated. The seven judges, after being out two hours, brought in a verdict of guilty, five favoring and two opposing. The sentence was ten years' imprisonment in a military fortress. Having served four years and eleven months, he still must serve five years and one month, unless the sentence can be reversed by higher authority. It is announced that an appeal will be taken to the Court of Cassation. The Dreyfus family are reported prostrated, and have very little hope of a reversal. Some one is guilty, but from the best evidence Dreyfus is not. But this is not the first instance on record of the just suffering for the unjust. The judges have signed a petition asking for clemency for him. At this writing he is reported critically ill.

## A Good Teacher.

I am frequently asked to recommend a teacher for different positions. I can now recommend an excellent one as teacher of music and literary classes, either in a school, a private class, or in a family. Superior Christian character.

L. M. Srone, Meridian.

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## Notice!

THE BAPTIST, Jackson, Miss:

By request of the Greenwood church, the meeting of the Yazoo Association has been postponed one month. It will convene at Greenwood, on Wednesday before the first Lord's day in October.

Done by order of the executive board of Yazoo Association in session at County Line, July 29, 1899

J. T. ELLIS, Mod.

J. PARKINSON, Cl'k.

August 23d, 1899.

Are we, as a Christian people, making the salvation of souls our chief business, or, indeed, any business at all, when, as statistics show, we are spending 98 per cent. of our income on ourselves and giving 2 per cent. to missions?

Foreign missions have a reflex influence upon the churches contributing for their support. They quicken zeal, strengthen faith, enlarge hope and deepen spiritual life.—Ex.

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## Oxford Association.

On Wednesday evening last we left our office for the meeting of this Association, touching a few hours at Winona. On the train we fell in with Brethren S. Morris and L. S. Foster. The former was on his way to Arkansas where he contemplates spending a month. We were met at Batesville by Deacon Dickins with whom we took breakfast, and then started at 7 a.m. in his buggy for Pilgrim's Rest, fifteen miles distant, where this body met, in its 30th session. Bro. W. I. Hargis of the University, was re-elected Moderator, and J. D. Peacock, clerk. The Association was harmonious and aggressive, taking high ground on all the subjects up for discussion. Especially were we much pleased with the report on Education submitted by Deacon P. H. Lowrey, which we propose to print in our next issue.

In the ministry of this Association are N. W. P. Bacon, J. A. Glenn, R. G. Hawlett, G. W. Hollowell, W. I. Hargis, D. A. Givens, A. A. Lomax, H. L. Johnson. We also had the pleasure of meeting two licentiates, W. H. Hudson and J. R. Taylor.

The introductory sermon was preached by Bro. H. L. Johnson from Jno. 14:5. "I am the way." To state it briefly and truthfully, it was a great sermon. 1. Christ our example. 2. The way to God. 3. The way into God. The sermon had a fine effect.

Dr. N. W. P. Bacon, speaking to the report on Publications, made a strong plea for the use of hymns and music books brought out by our own Baptist publishing houses, and gave examples of unsoundness in other hymn books.

At 11 a.m. on Friday Bro. Bacon preached a strong and helpful sermon on the theme: "Now partial knowledge; then full knowledge."

Pastor Glenn, of Water Valley, and Pastor Hawlett made telling speeches on the subject of missions.

Rev. G. W. Hollowell is pastor at Pilgrim's Rest, and has been for fifteen years. They have built a beautiful house of worship. Under the leadership of sister Jeffries the women held a meeting which promises to be fruitful of good in stimulating our sisters to greater efforts in the Master's work.

The new preachers of this Association are D. A. Glenn and N. W. P. Bacon, who are held in high esteem.

Our home in company with Deacon W. W. Dickins and Pastor

A. A. Lomax was with Bro. Dallas Jones.

Next meeting will be held with the Batesville church.

## The Church as a Factor in the Making of a Preacher.

BY S. M. ELLIS, D. D.

Poets may be born poets, but preachers are made after another order. They do not come to us ready made. Some of them are made out of next to nothing, and none of them are made out of anything worth bragging about. The divine gift, along with the Lord's call, is sufficient for the weakest disciple of the Nazarene, and yet an indispensable qualification for the mightiest prophet that ever spoke in the name of the Lord. This treasure is committed to earthen vessels.

But whilst it is accepted on every hand that he, whom the Lord calls to preach, preaches, helps or no helps, hindrances or no hindrances, yet from the stand point of human instrumentality, many are the agencies made use of by our Lord in the making of a preacher. The preacher, who through great difficulties has come to efficiency, feels that under God he owes his making to this or that church, which stood lovingly and faithfully by him during the days of his trials and struggles. Their sympathies, kindnesses and prayers cheered him in the dark hours and bore him up for the coming of the better day.

The writer is well acquainted with a little country church, having less than forty members, that has had a large share in the making of nearly a score of preachers during the last twenty-five years. And they did no more than that which the average church could and should do; they would heartily unite on their man and then receive him as given to them of the Lord, to hold him up, to love and cherish him, to magnify him in his holy office, and to pray for him. Should there be any wonder that this little church has had a hand in the making of great preachers, among whom are found college presidents, leading pastors in four or five states, evangelists of note, and even foreign missionaries?

True the preacher is a man chosen from among men, from the weak things of this world, but he is made distinguished by the anointing of the Lord for hearing, for seeing and for interpreting. Henceforth he is more than a man; he is the Lord's man, against whom no wrong may be done with impunity. "Touch not mine anointed, and do my prophets no harm." If he be dishonored his best work is hindered; if he be censured injudiciously, or spoken evil of, his influence is impaired; if the sympathies and prayers of the church be not given him, his spiritual power is weakened; if a generous material support be withheld, he becomes, sooner or later, secularized; in short, if wrong be done to the preacher, it affects his entire nature, tends to crush his spirit, and as chickens come home to roost, the sin is visited back upon the offending church by making

of their kind, but the part the Church of Jesus Christ must bear in the making of a preacher, beginning with the boy burdened with the divine call, and continuing till the zenith of his usefulness has been attained, can neither be delegated to any other agency, nor accompanied by any other means. In the last analysis of the indispensable elements of his making, a preacher is just what the church made of him.

The other side of this picture is, That it is within the power of the church to dwarf or destroy the preacher. The man may accomplish his own ruin independently of any other than himself, but more often is it, that the failure of the preacher to grow and develop is chargeable in part to a church relation, which has been neglected or abused by the church. In the nature of the case the neglect by the church of her obligations and duties to the preacher will inevitably tell against his successful making. Because a preacher is a divine gift to the churches, carrying with the gift obligations which inhere in the relation, and those imposed by our Lord, and made known specifically: (Gal. 6:6. Thes. 5:13. Tim. 5:17.) Moreover, the preacher from first to last is answerable to the church; from his church he derives his functional authority; as minister he is servant to the church to respond to unlimited calls for his service; in short, he belongs to the church, not the church to him. Now as the church may help him, so may the church hurt him. Failure to receive and honor God's ministers, as enjoined by our Lord, is the beginning of the evil. (Matt. 10:40, 41.)

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their minister less efficient in his office. Then the church gets hungry and perhaps innocently inquires "What's the matter with our minister that he does not sustain himself?" "And why does he not preach as well now as he did before?" The answer is the pastor began to let down when the church ceased to hold him up.

Unfortunately, here and there a church is to be found that cripples or kills every preacher that comes within her pale. One after another of Christ's ministers come and go in quick succession, each one going down a victim to the covenant breaking church. Should there be any wonder that such a church is frequently pastorless? Any wonder that preachers shun her fields? Some churches have never had a hand in the making of a preacher; like the bird that seeks another's nest, they look for the preacher ready made; they expect him to quit a pleasant and prosperous field where he has long been established in the confidence and affections of the people, to venture upon a doubtful experiment. They want a strong man, a wise man, a great preacher, able to draw and hold the masses; not to one help them to do it, but one who can do it.

As a school boy I used often to take the position that women alone should teach our public schools. Judging by my Institutes, the condition now exists in these three counties, and I thereupon congratulate the counties.

Resting today after the work has been done, I have been meditating upon the result, the ultimate result. How would it do for each of us now and then to stop and look at our work and answer to ourselves, "What will be the ultimate result of this?"

I believe the teacher's work is the greatest work. Not the school teacher merely, but the teacher—the editor is one—wherever and however he may be teaching.

Elisha, by the power of the divine physician opened the eyes of the Shunamite's son. But Elisha by the power of a divine Teacher opened the eyes of his despairing disciple to see the mountains round about all full of horses and chariots of fire. And this the work of the Teacher, in this life of conflict, always between right and wrong, between light and darkness, between life and death, to bring the souls of men to see "that they who be with us are more than they who be with them."

Christ, by the power of a divine physician, healed the blind man, and it was a glorious deed; but Christ the divine Teacher led the beloved disciple till he stood alone upon the barren Isle of Patmos, and whispered with infinite consolation to all the generations coming on: "I saw a new heaven and a new earth."

This the work of the Teacher: In this old world of suffering, of sorrow and of sin to show to the eyes of faith "a new heaven and a new earth."

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**Why I Am, a Baptist Only.****A DREAM.**

BY R. G. HEWLETT.

No. 2.

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"That is, by a thousandfold the finest ship that ever sailed on 'The Sea of Time,'" remarked my companion, "and its beauty and glory and strength will be multiplied a thousandfold when it enters 'The Ocean of Eternity.' In short, it is the ship of all the ages. Its planner and builder is God, and it is destined to sail through the ages of eternity, while God himself shall live."

I noticed, as my companion was speaking, that there was written in large letters on the ship's side its name. It was

"THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST THE SON OF GOD."

And underneath the invitation,

"COME ON BOARD."

From the multitude on board, it seemed that the good ship must already be full, yet the continual cry from those on board was, "Come, come, come." "The bride says come," remarked my companion, "and there is always room for more. This ship will never be full while she sails upon the waters."

As we reached the edge of the water nearest the ship I saw that there was no plank from the shore to the ship.

"How are we to get aboard?" I asked.

"You will see directly," replied my friend; Then he called for the ship's captain, who immediately appeared, whom he thus addressed:

"Here is a man I have brought who wishes to take passage on your good ship."

"Can you vouch for him being a proper person to take passage on this ship?" asked the captain. "You know that we are very choice in selecting our crew, and that we want only the good and the true."

"I think so," replied my companion, who proved to be an old friend of the captain's. "Besides, you can examine him until you are satisfied."

The captain here asked me quite a number of questions, all of a personal nature. My answers proving satisfactory he said I would be received on ship board.

"Come," said my friend and guide, as he took me by the arm and walked toward the water.

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"Prisoner at the bar, have you anything to say why sentence of death shall not be passed upon you?"

"I have been made a drunkard by law. If it had not been for the legalized saloons of my town I would not have become a drunkard; I would not be here now, ready to be buried into eternity. I shall appear before another bar—the Judgment bar of God, and there you—who have legalized the traffic will have to appear with me. Think you that the Great Judge will hold me

—the poor, weak, helpless victim of your traffic—alone responsible for the death of my wife? Nay, I, in my drunken, frenzied, irresponsible condition, have murdered one, but you have wilfully and deliberately murdered your thousands, and the murder mills are today in operation with your consent.

The judge waited in dignified silence.

Not a whisper was heard anywhere, and the situation became painfully oppressive, when, the prisoner was seen to move; his head was raised, his hands were clinched and the blood rushed into his careworn face, his teeth were firmly set, and into his haggard eyes came a flash of light.

Suddenly he rose to his feet, and in a low, but firm and distinct voice said:

"I have! Your honor, you have asked me a question, and I now ask as the last favor on earth, that you will not interrupt my answer until I am through.

"I stand here before this bar, convicted of the wilful murder of my wife. Truthful witnesses have testified to the fact that I was a loafer, a drunkard and a wretch;

that I returned from one of my prolonged debauches and fired the fatal shot that killed the wife that I had sworn to love, cherish and protect. While I have no remembrance of committing the fearful, cowardly and inhuman deed, I have no right to complain of, or condemn the verdict of the twelve good men who have acted as a jury in this case, for their verdict is in accordance with the evidence.

"But may it please the court, I wish to show that I am not alone responsible for the death of my wife." This startling statement created a tremendous sensation. The judge leaned over the desk, the lawyers wheeled around and faced the prisoner, the jurors looked at each other in amazement, while the spectators could hardly suppress their intense excitement. The prisoner paused a few seconds and then continued in the same firm distinct voice:

The impassioned words of the prisoner fell like coals of fire upon the hearts of those present and many of the spectators were moved to tears.

The judge made a motion as if

to stop any further speech upon the part of the prisoner, when the speaker hastily said:

"No! No! your honor, do not close my lips; I am nearly through and they are the last words I shall utter on earth.

"I began my downward career at a saloon bar legalized and protected by the Commonwealth, which has received annually a part of the blood money from the poor deluded victims. After the state had made me a drunkard and murderer, I am taken here by another bar—the bar of justice—by the same power of law which legalized the first bar, and now the law

by law will conduct me to the place of execution and hasten my soul into eternity. I shall appear before another bar—the Judgment bar of God, and there you—who have legalized the traffic will have to appear with me. Think you that the Great Judge will hold me

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**Way Notes.**

We wrote last on the way from Ashland to Ripley. The types made us say "we preached at Tupelo" on the last Sunday in August. It should have been "he preached," i. e., Dr. Lowrey.

RIPLEY

is the county seat of Tippah county. Here we preached on the first Sunday in this month for Pastor W. E. Berry. This is an excellent church, and they are doing well under Br. Berry's wise leadership. Our stop was with Dr. Natt. Carter and wife, where we always have an elegant home. We also called on Captain Tom Spight and family. Bro. Spight is the Congressman from this district and is a strong and useful Baptist. He and his family are a great power for good in Ripley church. Bro. Joe Owen is a member of this church, and will be in the next Legislature at Jackson.

BLUE MOUNTAIN

was our next stop, where we preached Sunday night to a fine audience. This town is the domicile of Blue Mountain Female College, which is justly in the lead of all the female colleges in this country. Their grounds are ideal,

Their buildings were erected for convenience, and not for show. One of the peculiarities of that school is the presence of so many girls—190 boarders at their recent opening. We would like to urge the claims of this school, but they are already full.

NEW ALBANY

was our stopping place for Monday night. Here we preached to a fine congregation. Our people are building a beautiful brick house of worship. The walls are now finished and it is being rapidly pushed to completion. Bro. Tom Baker, the banker, is in charge of the work, and will see that it is well done. Bro. Baker is also one of the stockholders of this paper and is an enterprising man. This church has a strong membership and a bright future. Rev. Jeff. Anderson is their pastor and is much beloved by his people. Our stay was with Bro. Sam Owen, who has been chancery clerk for twenty years.

THE ABERDEEN ASSOCIATION

met at Verona, which place we reached Tuesday at noon. Pastor Jeff. A. Rogers kindly took us to his home for dinner and afterwards domiciled us with Bro. Johnson near the church. The introductory sermon was preached by Rev. G. W. Potter, of Nettleton. Bro. Frank Souter, another banker and stockholder in this paper, was elected moderator and Bro. T. W. Fowler clerk. This is rather a small body, though, composed of excellent men. Great harmony prevailed in the body. THE BAPTIST was heartily adopted and we were treated nicely. We preached at night on "The Children of God."

COLUMBUS ASSOCIATION

met at Brooksville in its sixty-second session on the 8th inst. The introductory sermon was preached by Rev. J. H. Buck, who was also elected moderator, and J. W. Due pre-erler. This Association is composed of a fine body of men. The first night was given to a mass meeting. On Wednesday Foreign Missions. Rev. E. Pendleton Jones made a very strong speech that had a fine effect on the audience. This church—Columbus—leads in this State in mission contributions. Dr. J. T. Freeman made a very eloquent speech. He is far advanced in the eighties, but still has much of the fire of his youth.

By Saturday morning Dr. Rowe had arrived; the report on State Missions was read and he spoke on the general subject of missions in his usual vigorous and convincing way. Ministerial education was discussed by Dr. Brough, Dr.

Rowe, Rev. E. Pendleton Jones, and Rev. E. W. Spencer. The report on publications was well written by Rev. H. M. Long. It commended the *Foreign Mission Journal*, *Home Field*, *Orphanage Gem* and THE BAPTIST. We had the privilege of speaking to this report, to which the brethren gave very respectful heed, also W. C. Grace spoke, particularly respecting the price, saying that all the leading papers of all the States had found that \$2 00 was as little as they could charge for subscription and escape failure. That last year the Tennessee convention on their own motion adopted a resolution that the *Baptist and Reflector* should not be furnished subscribers for less than \$2 00 per year. He made a good speech.

The Association proper adjourned with the memorial service, but Bro. Nelson preached an impressive sermon at night from the words of Pilate, "What shall I do with Jesus?" The Spirit of the Lord was present from start to finish and all were ready to say it was good to be there. This is Bro. H. J. Vanlandingham's Association and he is a great power in its sessions. Brotherly love prevails among this people.

Bro. V. H. Nelson and ourself were the guests of Rev. E. S. Lewis and wife—the Methodist pastor at this place. We were treated royally, and shall not forget the kindness bestowed upon us. May the blessings of the Lord rest upon them.

**Born of Water and the Spirit.**

"Unless one be born of water." It so happened that at this very time John the Baptizer had been preaching the baptism of repentance unto the remission of sins, saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of Heaven is at hand." That preaching of the baptism of repentance unto remission of sins had raised a tremendous excitement throughout the whole country.

There were 107 baptisms reported which is a gain of 63 over last year's report. They made a good showing in benevolence. Raised by the women, \$560.78; by the Sunday School, \$364.83; by the churches directly, \$1,879.76. Total, \$2,805.37. This is by far the best report we have heard at any Association this year.

Sunday morning there was an interesting Sunday-school session from 9:30 to 11 a. m.. Sunday, 11 o'clock a. m., Dr. W. C. Grace preached a sweet sermon from the text, "A new commandment I give unto you that ye love one another."

Sunday, 3 p. m., was a memorial service at which a number of brethren spoke. Rev. J. H. Buck opened the exercises by a tender speech, mentioning particularly Dr. T. G. Sellers and referring to his long service as clerk and moderator of this Association.

We were allowed to say a few things about the life of Mrs. J. T. Freeman. How bright and happy a life she lived. How motherly she was to orphan children and how her memory will live in the lives of those she reared and blessed. We were able to pay a slight tribute to the memory of Dr. Sellers, who was possessed of real

knew that Jesus meant, "unless a

man repent—unless he change his views and theretore his purposes—unless he forsake his old habits and begin his life over again."

Hard lesson for an orthodox Pharisee and acknowledged authority in Israel!

"And the Spirit." Why does Jesus add these words? To show that the baptism of repentance is not enough. Repentance is indeed an essential factor in the new life in the kingdom. But it is only a human factor: the divine factor is the Spirit of God. For man can no more bring about his second birth—the birth into the spiritual world

—than he could have brought about his first birth—the birth into the physical world. The Baptizer himself had recognized this twofold birth of water and spirit: "I indeed baptize you in water unto repentance; but he that comes after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to bear; he will baptize you in the Holy Spirit and fire."—Mat. 3:11.

Now we see the reason why he who is little in the Kingdom of Heaven—the Messianic reign—is greater than John the Baptizer; he has received what the Baptizer could not give—the baptism of the Spirit.

"He cannot enter into the Kingdom of God." True, without this "birth of water and spirit," he can enter into other kingdoms—the kingdom of nature, the kingdom of politics, the kingdom of ecclesia; but he cannot enter into the Kingdom of God—the kingdom of God's Christian sway in the heart. And so it is true that God saves us, not by works done in righteousness, which we did ourselves, but according to his own mercy, through the washing of regeneration (the layer of second birth) and renewing of the Holy Spirit.

Here, then, is the double gathering into the Kingdom of God: Birth of water or human repentance; and Birth of Spirit or Divine Sonship. These are the naturalization papers which enthrone us as citizens of the Kingdom of Heaven.

I have taken this interpretation of John 3:5 from Dr. Boardman's "The Kingdom." It is interesting and instructive—the best interpretation which I have seen that makes "born of water" refer to baptism, and yet holds that there is only one birth with two aspects. It is worthy of special study because of the thorough and accurate scholarship and spiritual insight of the author. I send it to THE BAPTIST for the benefit of those who may not see the book.

Come one, come all.

L. E. HALL.

HATTIESBURG, Sept. 2, 1899.

The Dangers of a Malarial Atmosphere may be averted by occasionally taking Dr. M. A. Simmons Liver Medicine.

H. F. S.

Meeting of Lebanon Association.

Blue Mountain Chow Chow.

This body has just held its last meeting with the church at Estabrook. The meeting was, in many respects, the best it has ever had. The churches were nearly all represented and five new churches were added to its former twenty.

The delegates were from among the very best men in the churches they came from and taken all in all, there was good reason to expect that the meeting would be above the average, from the very first.

The reports on the various subjects were sensible and to the point. The discussions were brief and exceedingly forcible.

Prof. Sharp was present and made us a good talk in the interest of Mississippi College.

He knows what to say and he knows how to quit. Bro. Bailey gave us a splendid talk on our great paper, THE BAPTIST. His speech was not tedious, but practical, and it did good.

Brother Rowe came in on the evening train after several hours delay caused by a failure to connect with train in Meridian. His speech on Missions was, I think, by common consent, conceded to be one of the very best ever heard by any of us. The good brother seemed to be out of himself, and closer to the Master than His servants are often privileged to be. His speech was one among the few deliverances which I have heard in the last five years that I would like to see in permanent print. I doubt if he could give it to us and it is not probable that we shall hear the like of it again soon, even from Brother Rowe.

At the Sunday night service, 3d inst., Ashland church, of which the writer is pastor, dismissed by letter the entire family of Deacon Lucius Lifford. Bro. Lifford is a highly useful Christian, not only as deacon, but Sunday-school Superintendent. Sister Lifford, a Sunday-school teacher, is faithful and persevering in her sphere. We hope on one trip to be able to meet Bro. T. R. Gorley of Lafayette Springs, the oldest Baptist minister in this portion of the state and formerly one of the most successful.

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## Ministers &amp; Churches.

**PLEASANT HILL.**—We have just closed a precious meeting with Pleasant Hill Baptist church, Copiah county, Miss. This is my home church, and it was my happy privilege to assist us much beloved pastor, Bro. S. R. Young, in the preaching. We began the meeting on Saturday before the third Sunday, with a good prayer meeting, and closed on Wednesday. We had large congregations, good interest, and the Lord was with us in the power of the Holy Spirit.

We had a glorious meeting, and were made to sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus.

As a result of the meeting, one was received by letter, one restored, and six were received upon an experience of faith and by baptism.

On the following Sunday we had preaching again, and seven more happy souls came and united themselves with the church. This service was indeed a precious one, some for whom we had been praying a long time came and gave themselves to the Lord. When the service closed half the congregation were shedding tears of gratitude to God. So as a direct result of the meeting, we have fifteen accessions to the church, and the church greatly revived.

To God be all the praise! The brethren are also giving liberally to Ministerial Education. Praise the Lord for His goodness! God bless THE BAPTIST in its grand work.

Yours fraternally,  
THOMAS J. BARKSDALE.

**TANGIPAHOA.**—This church is situated six miles west of Summit in the Bogue Chitto Association. We began a meeting there embracing fourth Sunday in August, and closed first Sunday in September. At which time I baptized eighteen happy young people in the Tangipahoa River. Two received by letter, making twenty accessions. Leaving a fine interest, sixteen asking prayer, one beyond sixty. The church was lifted on a high plane and all say best meeting for years. The outlook for this church is good. With a good school, hard by, and a new house of worship, this church is determined to take rank along with the best churches in the State.

Brethren Gardner, Cook, Anderson and Quin were with the pastor part of the time and did some fine work for the Master. Bless the Lord, O my soul.

J. H. LANE.

**MORTON.**—We have just closed a good meeting at Morton in which Bro. O. D. Bowen did the preaching. The Lord was with us and Bro. Bowen preached with great power. We had eleven additions to the church. The Lord be greatly praised for sending Bro. Bowen to assist us and we give thanks to our heavenly Father for the great blessing we received.

Yours fraternally,  
J. PRESTON HARRINGTON.

**MT. PISGAH.**—One of God's chosen men, Mr. J. R. Nutt, of North Mississippi, has been with the people and pastor, Rev. P. A. Haman, of Mt. Pisgah church, for a number of days, telling the old, old story. He preached Christ and Him crucified to a dying people. He is so earnest and zealous in his work that Christians were made to realize their great responsibility and greatly desire lives filled with good and noble deeds for Christ and his cause. This young man is indeed a power for God. With his zeal and loyalty he is winning souls for Christ.

B. M. H.

**DIVIDING RIDGE.**—We began our meeting at Dividing Ridge, Yalobusha county, on the third Sunday in August and continued one week.

Visible results, five baptized, two restored, and the church greatly built up and strengthened.

Bro. J. W. Jones was our help. He is an energetic preacher and a good worker. Pray for us.

Fraternally,  
J. O. HILL.

**ENNIS.**—I report two meetings this time. Last week we held a meeting with Ennis church, resulting in the accession of eighteen members, and the church greatly revived. Ennis is located seven miles southeast of Sturges. The brethren are arranging to build a new house.

T. C. SCHILLING.

**PLEASANT RIDGE.**—This week we held a meeting with Pleasant Ridge church five miles northeast of Sturges. Thirty-three were added to the church, thirty-two for baptism. Bro. N. Q. Adams, the pastor, baptized them in sixteen minutes. Seventy-five came up for prayer the last service of the meeting. The Lord be praised.

TOM TOMLINSON.

**PINE BLUFF.**—I have just finished my meetings. The first was at Pine Bluff where the preaching was done by L. G. C. Gates. Bro. Gates is going to make a man we will all feel proud of some day.

T. L. MOORE.

The church was revived and one added by experience.

**HARMONY.**—I went from Pine Bluff to Harmony where I helped Bro. Gates in a meeting. Twelve were baptized.

**COUNTY LINE.**—Then to County Line. Bro. T. J. Moore, of Carthage, was there to do the preaching. And well did he do it. Twenty-seven were added by experience, and ten by letter. We baptized twenty-three and left the church rejoicing.

**NEW ZION.**—Then to New Zion. On Saturday in conference, the following Wednesday was set for Mission Day. We raised \$78.85 for missions and at the close of the meeting I baptized thirty in a beautiful Spring pool. Bro. Moore did the preaching at New Zion also.

At the close of the meeting we gave Bro. Moore the parting hand and also some cash down and we parted all so happy.

Bro. Moore preaches the Bible and rests right there for his success. No "high pressure methods" were used in the meetings except God's Word. That's high enough for us. I am happy, my people are happy and I am at home sick. I feel greatly encouraged to go on with the good work. Pray for us.

W. S. ROGERS.

**LIBERTY.**—We have just held a fine meeting with the saints at Liberty. Bro. W. A. Hewitt did the preaching and did it well. He is a coming young preacher.

Indeed his sermons would do credit to a much older man.

The meeting was one of interest and power. Thirteen accessions by experience and Christians encouraged. We continue to advance at Liberty, and we have some noble members as can be found anywhere. This is a historic old church. J. R. Graves, T. J. Drane, M. S. Shirk, W. W. Bolls, and many others of God's departed servants have preached here.

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**CROSS ROADS.**—We had a good meeting of seven days at Cross Roads beginning on the fourth Saturday in August. There were six accessions, five of whom were buried in baptism. This was my first visit to Cross Roads. It is quite a model church in several respects. It was sad to leave such a people.

**MOUNT PLEASANT.**—On Saturday before the second Sunday in August we began at Mount Pleasant. Bro. Hewitt to do the preaching, and for five days he held forth the word of life to the delight and edification of all, with one addition by letter.

**BETHEL.**—From Mount Pleasant we went to Bethel, where Rev. A. F. Davis joined us and he and Hewitt preached as they never did before. Oh what power! oh what

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The results of the meeting was ten conversions and seven baptized into the fellowship of the church.

Thank the Lord for his goodness.

A. A. BRUNER.

## NEW ZION.

I have just closed a very good meeting of six days—preaching twice each day—with the New Zion church. Good congregations every day, and as much interest manifest as any meeting which I have attended for quite awhile. I had no ministerial help, but Bro. Arthur Fox, the nominee for sheriff, of Lawrence county, and Bro. W. P. Boutwell, deacon of Antioch church, with our home folks, made me feel like the Lord was with me in their prayers.

Four by baptism and three by letter added to the membership. For which we thank God.

Fraternally,

R. J. BOONE.

## HEBRON.

Dear BAPTIST: If you will allow me space I will tell you of my meetings.

On Saturday before the fifth Sunday in August we began a meeting at Hebron, with Bro. Wm. A. Hewitt to do the preaching, and to say he did it well does not express it as I would like.

He presented and held up Christ and his blood as the only hope of salvation. The gospel was honored by the Holy Spirit, and thus became the power of God unto salvation to all that believed it.

The immediate results was that twelve were received for baptism

with others to follow and the saints revived as never before in the history of the church. The Lord be praised.

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S. W. PRICE.

Leighton, Miss., Sep. 2, 1839.

## MAGEES CREEK.

As I have never written anything for the paper, I will give a sketch of my summer work.

I held my first meeting on the first Sabbath in July at Magees Creek church, Pearl River county, Miss. Rev. W. R. Hathorn did the preaching for five days. We

had a good revival; seventeen approved for baptism and two restored.

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N. Q. ADAMS.

## The Young People.

Meridian, Miss.

Dear BAPTIST: Find enclosed 5 cents. I also have three little brothers and one little sister who join me in sending 5 cents each, making 25 cents, for Cuban missions. Good bye.

Your little friend,

MART MCNAIR,

Clinton, Miss., Sept. 8, '99.  
Dear BAPTIST:

This is my first attempt. I am a little girl eleven years old. I go to Hillman College. Mississippi College opens the twenty-first of this month. Enclosed please find twenty-five cents for the Orphanage.

Your little friend,

CLAUDE JORDON EAGER.

Dear Bro. Bailey:

Since my former letters reached a favorable destination, I will make another attempt. I am delighted with the children's page; glad to see more of the "cousins" writing. Last Sunday, together with papa and sister Ora, I attended services at Bethany, twelve miles from our home. Bro. J. P. Williams preached two very eloquent sermons, after which five were baptized.

Our school opens October 22d, under the efficient management of Prof. Earl N. Lee, a graduate of Mississippi College. I will be so glad when that time comes. Well, "cousins," what are you "driving at" during these long sweet summer days? I read and study some but most of my time is spent in helping mama.

Cousins, whom do you believe to be the most honored man of today? I think 'tis Admiral George Dewey.

With love to all the band, and trusting this may escape the waste basket, I am,

Your little friend,

ELLA MAY BASS.

Dear Brethren:

We had the best opening in our history last Wednesday by about 50 per cent. We have about 200 boarders and our boarding department is crowded; but we are adding some rooms and will be ready for other pupils soon.

Yours very truly,

LOWERY & BERRY.

## The Meeting at Tangipahoa Church

Dear Bro. Bailey:

Please give me space in THE BAPTIST to tell our people of the good spiritual meeting we held at Tangipahoa church, 6½ miles west of Summit. We had a meeting of eight days, in which Bro. Elisha Gardner (a home boy) did most of the preaching and did it well—no one could have done it any better.

I never saw a church engage in such spiritual prayer meetings. The entire membership and visiting brethren seemed to be filled with the spirit and engaged in the worship in the beauty of holiness.

We had 18 baptized—13 young ladies and 5 young men and 2 by letter, making 20 accessions to the church, and at the closing services 16 more asked an interest in the prayers of God's people, and some of them gray-headed men.

The young ladies were baptized in pure white, and I thought it was the most imposing and impressive baptism that I had ever witnessed, and when they took the front seats to receive the charge from our pastor (Bro. J. H. Lane), they looked so happy. The charge to these young converts was so appropriate and full of spiritual feeling. I predict, that if Brother Lane has charge, Last Sunday, together with papa and sister Ora, I attended services at Bethany, twelve miles from our home. Bro. J. P. Williams preached two very eloquent sermons, after which five were baptized.

With the assistance of Bros. Johnston, Welch and Steen, we organized with a membership of 50 and called Bro. Welch to preach for us. So many more have united with us since, that we are hopeful of being enabled in the near future to build a suitable house of worship. We have a flourishing Sabbath school, and Bro. Welch with the assistance of Bros. Chapman and Steen have just closed a protracted meeting for six days; eight were received for baptism and two by letter. Bro. Chapman was with us only about three days but he did some fine preaching while here. We are so well pleased with Bro. Welch we have called him for another year. He is in full sympathy with all denominational work, and developing us in same. Mr. R. Hilton, of Crystal Springs had just closed a singing school and returned to help the class during the meeting.

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GEORGE WHARTON, Pres't and Prop'r.

Sept. 15

Dear BAPTIST:

As you are the medium by which we Baptist communicate with each other, I write that the other brethren may know of us.

Seven years ago we were only a few members and so far removed from Steens Creek Baptist church that Bro. J. R. Johnston began preaching for us once each month. His work in the cause of Christ has been wonderfully blessed; so much so that at the close of last year we decided to organize a church of our own, it being impossible for Bro. Johnston to continue in his work here.

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W. C. JOHNSON

## Scott County Association.

Scott County Association meets Saturday before the second Sunday in October, 1899, with Bethlehem church, eight miles north of Morton. Oblige,

T. G. WARD.

Unanimously adopted in conference Sept. 9th, 1899.

Eastfork, Miss., Sept. 11, '99.

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WOMAN'S WORK  
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September, 1899.

Subject—THE SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD.

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1. Praise service, singing well known hymns.

2. Bible Reading—God's Gifts. (To be recited from memory if possible.)

KEY WORDS.

Son, John 3: 16.

Eternal Life, Rom. 6: 23.

Faith, Eph. 2: 8.

Rest, Matt. 11: 28.

Peace, John 14: 27.

Joy, John 15: 11.

The Holy Spirit, John 14: 16.

All things, Rom. 8: 32.

3. Themes for Prayer:

Thanksgiving for God's Word, its light and comfort.

That all may know it and obey it.

For the young men of our land.

For the officers, missionaries and work of the S. S. B.

4. Short, pointed, bright papers on: Our Duty to Young People. Their Duty to Missions.

5. Musical Selection.

6. Leaflet—"Bible Distribution by Baptists in the South" by J. M. Frost, Sec'y, S. Board.

7. Questions.—(To be answered by different members. Reference:—Convention Report, Annual Report Cor. Sec. W. M. U.):

What are the five Departments of Sunday School Board?

How has the S. S. B. advanced denominational work?

Give account of work made possible by the Bible Fund.

What is the object of Missionary Day?

What connection has W. M. U. with KIND WORDS?

Describe the Home Department?

Its influence in our school?

What were the cash and box contributions of W. M. U. to the Sunday School Board last year?

8. Business, Collection, etc.

9. Consideration of Sunday School Board Recommendations.

10. Closing Exercises. Repeat in concert, Ida, 119: 1-16.

## Two Letters.

Dear Little Cousins:

A hearty greeting to all the band. I am delighted to see more pleasant letters continue to grace the columns of our dear paper.

Sister Ella and myself have two pet ducks; they are white as snow; we have quite a lot of fun with them. I have a lot of little cousins living at Bassfield. I wish some of them would write too.

My sweet little baby brother Forest has almost completed the alphabet of "mischief-making," but he is the dearest creature on earth to all of us.

With love to Daisy, Blanche, Lizzie and all the rest, I am,

Your little friend,

REID BASS.

Dear Little Cousins:

I guess you will smile to see my letter. Don't be alarmed, I will come another day. I am six years of age, "mighty little" too, but I think I am most a little man. I am going to school before long, and then I will tell you how I am getting on in the school-room.

Your friend,

BURKE BASS.

And our hearts cry out in the dust and the heat,  
And we reach in the dark for a face that is gone!

'Tis so dark and so lone, and we sink in the night,  
And no one seems near us to guard us from harm.

But, anon in the darkness there flashes a Light  
And around us is placed a sheltering arm.

Oh! cruel and cold seems the Reaper's hand,  
As the tears from our hearts the treasures we love;

But, just beyond, on the little golden strand,  
Waits a Father's arms to bear them above.

And we'll wait for them here till the Angels of Dawn,

In the morning light of the glad new day  
Shall open the gates on Eternity's morn,

And come for us too to bear us away.

3. Themes for Prayer:  
The Baptist Women of Mississippi and the Foreign Mission Journal.

Ever since there has been a Woman's Missionary Society among our Baptist women in the South, and before too as for that, they have diligently put their hands to the task of disseminating all possible missionary information, in doing which they have rendered most fruitful service to the Master.

Prominent among the publications that these faithful and efficient missionary workers have regarded as worthy of their support and helpful to them in accomplishing their purpose, indeed I suppose it might be said first among such publications, is the Foreign Mission Journal. Hence they have always been among its staunchest friends and best supporters. A large per cent. of the Journal's readers are secured by the women of our churches.

8. Business, Collection, etc.

9. Consideration of Sunday School Board Recommendations.

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## A Revere.

BY C. L. MARRY.

The soft summer breeze brings a message to me,

A whisper soft of a land far away—  
Of a land far over the beautiful sea,  
Where angels have taken my treasures away.

I hear the rustle of the white winged hours,  
As they speed on their way to Eternity's shore,

To the land where bloometh immortelle flowers  
And melodies float on the breeze evermore.

They are bearing us too to that land where await

Our loved ones who only have gone on before,

To wait for us there at the beautiful gate,  
In the roseate dawn of the heavenly shore.

Oh! the rocks rough and cruel a'e wounding our feet,

And our pathway is covered with shadows and lone;

ought to be. In Mississippi, for example, we have only about 850 readers, which number, we believe all will readily agree ought to be greatly enlarged. Now will not each Baptist who reads this, whether old or young, married or unmarried, resolve at once to send us a good list of names? Do so at once and thus effectively help forward the cause of Foreign Missions and at the same time bring a blessing upon yourself and your church. Remember:

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Yours fraternally,

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## Stray Shots.

In November, 1852, the "Young Men's Christian Association" of New Orleans was organized. It was the fifth in America; but in some respects lead the others—notably in the publication of the first periodical devoted to the special interest of its work. The writer was chosen as vice president to represent the Baptists; being the only young man found living in the city at the time, of that denomination.

## More Faith

I hear men everywhere praying for more faith; but when I listen to them carefully and get at the real heart of their prayers, very often it is not more faith at all that they are wanting, but a change from faith to sight.

"What shall I do with sorrow that God has sent me?"

"Take it up and bear it, and get strength and blessing out of it."

"Ah, if I only knew what blessing there is in it, if I saw how it would help me, then I could bear it. What shall I do with this hard, hateful duty which Christ has laid right in my way?"

"Do it and grow by doing it."

"Ab, yes, if I could only see that it would make me grow."

In both of these cases you do not see that what you are begging for is not more faith, although you think it is, but sight.

You want to see for yourself the blessing in the sorrow, the strength in the hard and hateful task.

Faith says not, "I see that it is good for me, and so God must have seen it," but "God sent it, and so it must be good for me."

Faith, walking in the dark with God, only prays him to clasp its hand more closely; does not even ask him for the lighting of the darkness so that may may find the way himself.—*Phillips Brooks*.

Dear Baptist:

Rev. J. W. McDonald, of Hot Springs, Ark., visited his mother and other relatives at this place last week and preached at New Hope church Saturday at 11 a. m., where Bro. Autry was engaged in a protracted meeting. Saturday night it was our good fortune to hear him preach at the Baptist church in Ashland.

New Hope church was organized by Bro. McDonald's father many years ago, and his mother now holds her membership in that church, and as he stood in his father's pulpit he could look out into the old grave yard and see the last earthly resting place of that father, which brought tears into his eyes as he told a weeping congregation of the gospel and salvation plan.

We were very much gratified to see Bro. McDonald so much interested in the cause of our blessed God. May he live long and continue to do good.

Fraternal subscriber,  
J. W. GRISHAM.

If we had prayed more, we need not have worked so hard. We have too little praying face to face with God every day. Looking back at

the end I suspect there will be great grief for our sins of omission—omission to get from God what we might have gotten by praying.

—A. A. BUR.

See the spider cast out her filaments, confident that it will adhere somewhat and form the commencement of the web. We are to toil on in the assurance of triumph—*Surgeon*.

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**College Tidings.**

CLINTON, Miss., Sept. 13, 1899.  
 Here we are. School is to open the 21st, and one case of yellow fever is announced in Jackson. The situation though, is far better than it was this time last year. Then the fever was at Taylor, O-wood, Jackson, Edwards, and probably other places. The season does not seem favorable for its spread this year. At Mississippi City they have had 13 cases and no deaths, at last report. It has been in New Orleans for some time, but they seem to have controlled it almost perfectly. There have been only three cases there and no death. The fever is in so mild a form this year that it seems almost ridiculous to pay any attention to it. We are hoping they will entirely prevent its spread in Jackson, but if they do not we feel safe. There is practically no excitement here and business in Jackson is moving along as usual. Students can come to Clinton now, we think, with as much safety as to almost any place in Mississippi. All students coming from the west side of the state can reach us via Vicksburg, or via Harrison. Students coming by the Yazoo branch can come to Cynthia and drive through six miles. In case it is not safe when school opens to come through Jackson, those coming by the I. C. can stop off at Tougalou or Madison, above Jackson, or at Terry, below Jackson, and drive through. By writing or telegraphing they can have conveyances to meet them from here; or, they can get conveyances from there, if they prefer.

Our plan is to open on time—September 21—and, whether we have many or few, we will give them good work and take good care of them. If there are any changes in the opening, announcements will be made in the Memphis, New Orleans, Vicksburg, Jackson and Meridian papers, and circulars will be sent to all prospective students whose names we have. Write us at once if it is your plan to come.

Hopefully,

W. T. LOWREY.

As we shall be cut off by the quarantine from attending some of the Associations, and as Dr. Searey cannot attend all of them, we request that where we are both absent some brother will represent the interests of THE BAPTIST. It is highly important that this be done at each Association. Very few Associations were reached last fall by the editor or business manager. This makes it all the more impor-

tant that we have representation in all the coming meetings. On account of missing these gatherings last season THE BAPTIST suffered much. It will be very unfortunate for us to miss any associational meeting for two consecutive years. We must depend on our brethren to help us.

**Answer to Query in Baptist September 7.**

**QUERY.**

Has a Baptist minister the scriptural right to baptize without the presence of a church?

**ANSWER.**

Most undoubtedly he has. The ordination of a Baptist minister authorizes him to baptize any and everywhere, such candidates as he believes give good evidence of conversion. Such is their commission—"go disciple all the nations, immersing them," etc. Mat. 28:19. Thus Phillip baptized in the city of Samaria, Acts 8:12; also baptized the Eunuch, Acts 8:38. So Paul and Silas baptized the jailor, Acts 16:33. So our ministers now baptize in the army, and among the heathen.

Of course when there is a Baptist church near, it is well and proper to have the church examine and accept the candidates. Such is Baptist practice, and is church courtesy, and is all proper and right.

Baptism does not make a person a member of a Baptist church; not at all. It requires a vote of the church to receive one to membership in any Baptist church.

Baptism makes a person a member of the visible kingdom of Christ on earth. All those who have dedicated themselves to God, and have made public that dedication by the burial of baptism into the name of the Father the Son and the Holy Spirit, such are members of the visible kingdom of God on earth, and may be received by vote into any Baptist church. Or any two or three such persons, if they desire it, may organize themselves into a Baptist church, with full authority to receive members and to have the ordinances administered.

GEO. WHITFIELD.

Clinton, Miss.

The Alabama Baptist of last week, is the Judson issue. It is devoted wholly to the Judson Female College, with illustrations of the main building, large pipe organ, gymnasium, etc.

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